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FM AMEMBASSY BEIRUT

TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 6833

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INFO AMEMBASSY AMMAN

AMEMBASSY CAIRO

AMEMBASSY DAMASCUS

AMEMBASSY JIDDA

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AMEMBASSY TEL AVIV

AMEMBASSY TUNIS

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E.O. 11652: N/A

SUBJECT: AMERICAN COMMUNITY IN LEBANON: PRESS GUIDANCE

1. IN ANTICIPATION OF TRANSFER OF CERTAIN REGIONAL AND TRAINING OFFICES OUT OF BEIRUT, EMBASSY DEVELOPED FOLLOWING PRESS GUIDANCE, WHICH EMBASSY SPOKESMAN HAS ALREADY USED IN RESPONSE TO PRESS INQUIRIES:

2. ON THE RECORD: USG HAD DECIDED TO MOVE FOREIGN SERVICE INSTITUTE'S ARABIC-LANGUAGE TRAINING PROGRAM AND A NUMBER OF REGIONAL OFFICES OUT OF BEIRUT IN NEXT FEW WEEKS. ABOUT 25 ARABIC-LANGUAGE TAINees AND ABOUT A DOZEN REGIONAL OFFICERS, AS WELL AS THEIR DEPENDENTS, WILL  
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LEAVE BEIRUT IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS DECISION. SOME OF

OPERATIONS AFFECTED ARE BEING MOVED TEMPORARILY, OTHERS PERMANENTLY. ON BACKGROUND: U.S. EMBASSY IN BEIRUT INCLUDES REGIONAL OFFICES OF DEPARTMENT OF STATE, DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, U.S. INFORMATION AGENCY, FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION, AND OTHER AGENCIES. NOT ALL OF THESE ARE MOVING. COMMENT: EMBASSY WISHES TO AVOID PRECISE DEFINITION OF WHICH OPERATIONS ARE MOVING AND WHICH ARE STAYING, AS WELL AS SITES OF RELOCATION.

3. IN RESPONSE TO PRESS INQUIRIES RE NUMBER OF EMBASSY FAMILIES THAT HAVE OPTED FOR VOLUNTARY EVACUATION TO DATE, EMBASSY SPOKESMAN IS STATING ON THE RECORD THAT NUMBER IS ABOUT A DOZEN. ON BACKGROUND, HE IS NOTING THAT EMBASSY IS ENCOURAGING AND ASSISTING FAMILIES THAT WISH TO AVOID THEMSELVES OF THIS OPTION.

4. IN RESPONSE TO CONTINUING PRESS INQUIRIES RE SIZE OF AMERICAN COMMUNITY IN NORMAL TIMES AND AT PRESENT, EMBASSY SPOKESMAN IS USING FOLLOWING ROUND FIGURES ON THE RECORD:

	NORMAL (4/75)	PRESENT
A) RESIDENT OFFICIAL AMERICANS	475	425
B) RESIDENT UNOFFICIAL AMERICANS	6000	4500
C) TRANSIENT AMERICANS	525	75
D) TOTAL	7000	5000

ON BACKGROUND, SPOKESMAN IS NOTING THAT ABOVE FIGURES ARE APPROXIMATE AND SUBJECT TO DAILY CHANGE; THAT PERHAPS 1500 OF THE RESIDENT UNOFFICIAL AMERICANS ARE DUAL NATIONALS; THAT BY SUBTRACTING THIS 1500 FROM THE 6000 AND 4500 CITED ABOVE, IT MAY BE SAID THAT ONE-THIRD OF THE AMERICAN COMMUNITY HAS LEFT, AS WELL AS MOST TRANSIENT AMERICANS AND SOME OFFICIAL AMERICANS; THAT ABOUT 1000 RESIDENT UNOFFICIAL AMERICANS REGISTERED OR REREGISTERED WITH THE CONSULATE IN FIRST FOUR DAYS (OCTOBER 22-25) OF REGISTRATION PERIOD BEING PUBLICIZED IN LOCAL PAPERS. GODLEY

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